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## In the claims:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A virtual biological fluid system for secure communications, said system comprising:
  - a primary gateway having security information;
  - a plurality of communication layers, and
- a security control plane formed using information from <u>each of</u> said plurality of communications layers, whereby said security control plane in conjunction with said security information forms a virtual biological fluid insuring secure data transmission.
- 2. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1, further comprising: at least one station in communication with said primary gateway; and a satellite in orbit and in communication with said primary gateway and said at least one station, and said security control plane is on board said satellite.
- 3. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein at least one of said plurality of communication layers is an application layer.
- 4. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein at least one of said plurality of communication layers is a presentation layer.
- 5. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein at least one of said plurality of communication layers is a session layer.
- 6. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein at least one of said plurality of communication layers is a transport layer.
- 7. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein at least one of said plurality of communication layers is a network layer.
- 8. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein at least one of said plurality of communication layers is a data link layer.

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- 9. (Original) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein at least one of said plurality of communication layers is a physical layer.

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10. (Currently Amended) A method for secure communications over a network, said method comprising the steps of:

generating security data;

forming a security control plane using information from <u>each of</u> a plurality of communication layers;

forming a virtual biological fluid using sald security control plane in conjunction with said security data, whereby secure data transmission between a ground gateway and a station may occur; and

communicating secure data between said ground gateway and said station.